

# *Nritya*

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## **HEMAVATHI SHARMA**

**Artistic Director, Nritya School of Indian Dance & Music**

### **SKILLS:**

Indian Classical Dance, Indian Folk Dances, Indian vocal music  
Harmonium and Keyboard

### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Performance:**

August 1975- Present: Over 1500 programs in Central Midwest Area of U.S.A

August 1963-1975: Performed in over 300 programs primarily in South India.

#### **Teaching:**

- 2008 Participated in Kennedy Center's Artists as Educators: Presenting Effective workshop for teachers  
Participated in Kennedy Center's Artists as Educators: Planning effective residencies for students
- 2007 Mid America Arts Alliance – Regional Touring Program Roster, KCYA India Cultural Outreach Workshop,  
Participated in Kennedy Center's Artists as Educators: Planning Effective workshops for teachers
- 2006-2008 On Kansas Arts Tourist Program Roster
- 2005 Cedar Heights Elementary School, Cedar Falls, Iowa, conducted 2 days residency/Workshop on India for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- 2003, 2004 Regular Classes and summer residency/workshop conducted at Nritya branch in Topeka, KS
- 2002, 1991 Taught classes at Communiversity
- 1999 Let Freedom Swing workshop at Iowa State University, bharathanatyam
- 1998–current Summer residency/workshop in Wichita, Kansas
- 1998 Taught at Fall Conference at Mid-America Dance Network
- 1998–current Residency/workshop conducted in Ames, and Des Moines, Iowa, and Wichita, KS
- 1997 Workshop at Mid-America Dance Network, Wichita, Kansas
- 1996 – 2006 Classes conducted at Nritya branch in Ames and Des Moines, Iowa
- 1993 Summer Dance camp for City in Motion Dance Theatre, KCMO
- 1988–current Classes conducted in Overland Park & Kansas City, KS
- 1988 Founded Nritya School of Indian Dance & Music in Kansas City
- 1982–current Classes conducted in Wichita, Kansas
- 1963-1974 Taught private classes in Bharathanatyam , Madras, India

#### **Significant Choreography:**

- 2009 - Mahadeva - Dance Drama
- 2008 – How ganga came to earth – Dance drama
- 2004 – Dances of Nature – Dance Drama
- 2003 - Bhoomi Mangalam
- 2001 - Dheemta
- 1995 - Ashtalakshmi - Dance Drama
- 1995 – Shiva Purana Stories – Mini Dance Drama for Young Students
- 1990 – Ramayan Part 1 – Dance Drama
- 1974 – Rasa Leela – Dance Drama

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1969 – Kothai Nachiaar – Dance Drama

## **Community Outreach Work:**

Conducted classroom presentations and lecture demonstrations about India/Indian Art in Schools & Community Centers in the Greater Kansas City and Des Moines Areas

Continue to serve as Outreach Director on the Mayor's Ethnic Enrichment Commission (Kansas City, MO)

## **EDUCATION:**

2000 Diploma in Indian Arts, Nalanda University, India

1973 BA Economics, Delhi University, India

## **Awards/recognitions:**

Titles conferred – Natyaratna, and Natyakalaratna

## **TRAINING (Various forms of Indian Classical Dance):**

Bharathanatyam Natanamani Balu, Kancheepuram Gnaprakasam, Adyar Lakshmanan of Bhartha Choodamani, and Shantha and V.P. Dhananjayan of Bharatha Kalaanjali, Dr. Leela Samson of Kalakshetra

Mohini Attam Kalamandalam Radhika, Dr. Neena Prasad

Kutchupudi Bala Tripurasundari

Kathak Mrs. Seshadhri

Folk Dances Sarmishtha Sarkar

Carnatic Music Akila Shankar, Mangalam Ramamoorthi, Oothukadu brothers, Devaram Natarajan, Krishnaveni Ramalingam, and Manasika Guru Nookala Chinna Satyanarayana